वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) से (ग) इस योजना का एक महत्वपूर्ण संघटक पूर्ण गोपनीयता है जिसे घोषणाकर्ताओं के संबंध में बनाए रखा जाना है। इस योजना की प्रतिक्रिया काफी हद तक उक्त गोपनीयता में बनाए रखने में विभाग की क्षमता पर भावी घोषणाकर्ताओं के विश्वास पर निर्भर करेगी। इस बात को मद्देनजर रखते हुए इस योजना में यह व्यवस्था है कि घोषणाएं केवल आयकर आयुक्तों के पास प्रस्तुत की जाएंगी। इस कारण से घोषणाकर्ताओं की संख्या अथवा घोषित की गई धनराशि आदि के बारे में आयुक्तों से केन्द्रीयकृत रूप से ब्यौरे प्राप्त नहीं किए जा रहे हैं। यह निर्णय लिया गया है कि इस योजना के प्रचालन की अवधि के समाप्त होने पर स्थिति की समीक्षा की जाए।

Pre-Shipment inspection scheme

*88. SHRI NILOPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are discussing the introduction of a Pre-shipment Inspection Scheme to be introduced for evaluating customs duties leviable for imports into India;

(b) if so, whether Government have initiated talks with any foreign company for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the names of the companies and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Several complaints have been received from time to time about undervaluation and mis-classification of imported goods leading to loss of revenue as also undue delays in cargo clearance at the ports and airports. With a view to overcoming these problems, Government have been considering several measures. Recently, the Directorate of Valuation has been set up to disseminate information on international prices and also monitor valuation practices in the Customs formations. One of the suggestions that came up for consideration in this regard was the use of pre-shipment inspection for ensuring correct classification and valuation of imported goods. It is in this context four pre-shipment companies made presentations on the role of pre-shipment inspection. No decision has been taken in the matter.

Appointment of Judges

*89. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend the existing rules dealing with the appointment of Judges of High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these amendments will not give benefits of favouretism to appointees;

(d) whether removal of these judges will continue to be with the orders of the President of India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSITER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The Government had decided to make changes in the existing procedure for appointment of Judges of Supreme Court, Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts. Accordingly, the Constitution (Eighty-Second Amendment) Bill, 1997 was forwarded to the Lok Sabha Secretariat on 14th March, 1997.

(d) and (e) Provisions already exist in Articles 124(4) and 217(1) of the Constitution of India in respect of removal of the Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts on the grounds of misbehaviour or incapacity.

New Civil Aviation Policy

*90. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have had under consideration a new Civil Aviation Policy;